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SUBJECT:LABOR VISIT - LABOR DESK OF US YOUTH COUNCIL

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE LABOR DESK OF THE US YOUTH COUNCIL THAT IT IS PLANNING TO SEND A THREE-MAN DELEGATION TO PORTUGAL AND SPAIN BETWEEN JUNE 17 AND JULY 1, 1978. THE DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF TOM KAHN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, AFL-CIO, AND EDITOR, AFL-CIO "FREE TRADE UNION NEWS", DR. ROY GODSON, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL LABOR PROGRAM, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC ADVISER TO THE US YOUTH COUNCIL AND DAVID N. DORN, DIRECTOR, LABOR DESK US YOUTH COUNCIL AND PROGRAM COORDINATOR, INTERNATIONAL LABOR PROGRAM.

2. IN A MEMORANDUM ADDRESSED TO THE EUR LABOR ADVISER, A COPY OF WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO THE LABOR ATTACHES AT ADDRESSEE POSTS, DORN DESCRIBES THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP AS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEING ESSENTIALLY TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS FOR YOUNGER LABOR LEADERS. (SUCH PROGRAMS ARE ALREADY BEING CARRIED ON WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN WESTERN EUROPE.) FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE DELEGATION WILL WISH TO MEET WITH "LABOR OFFICIALS, POLITICAL PARTY REPRESENTATIVES, RELATED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, US LABOR ATTACHES AND ICA (USIA) OFFICERS TO GAIN AN

UNDERSTANDING OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE LABOR AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS".

3. THE DELEGATION IS SEEKING THE ASSISTANCE OF LABOR ATTACHES IN RECOMMENDING AND SCHEDULING MEETINGS WITH "KEY LEADERS FROM LABOR, GOVERNMENT AND RELATED POLITICAL PARTIES". MORE DETAILED INFORMATION INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM THEY HAVE ALREADY HAD SOME PREVIOUS CONTACTS, IS CONTAINED IN THE MEMORANDUM BEING POUCHED PER PARA 2 ABOVE. THEY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THE HELP OF THE LABOR ATTACHES IN INTERPRETING AT THE MEETINGS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.

4. THE DELEGATION'S TRAVEL ITINERARY IS LISBON - JUNE 18-22, SEVILLE - JUNE 25-26, MADRID - JUNE 27-30. THE DEPARTMENT, ICA AND THE LABOR DESK ARE AWARE THAT THE VISIT TO LISBON OVERLAPS WITH THE REGULAR YOUTH COUNCIL VISIT PLANNED FOR JUNE 18-25. THIS LABOR DESK DELEGATION VISIT IS, HOWEVER, QUITE DISTINCT FROM THE REGULAR GROUP VISIT.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO AND DISCUSSION WITH THE DELEGATION. CHRISTOPHER

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